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CHINA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES MEETS IN PEIPING,
OUTLINES ORGANIZATION AND RESEARCH PROGRAM

Peiping -- The first working conference of the China Academy of Sciences was held in Peiping, 20 - 26 June 1950, under the chairmanship of Kuo Mo-jo, head of the Committee of Culture and Education, and his deputies Li Ssu-kuang (1) [numbers refer to appended characters], T'ao Meng-ho (2), Chu K'o-chen (3), and Chen Po-ta (4). The latter was absent because of illness.

In addition to discussing addresses by the above-mentioned officials and other attending scientists, the conference outlined the establishment of 15 research institutes, some of the responsible personnel, and the initial research assignments of the institutes, as follows.

1. Institute for Research in Modern Physics

Theory and utilization of the atom

- ## 2. Institute for Research in Applied Physics

Communications instruments; apparatus for the study of light and other practical problems.

3. Tzu-chin Shan Astronomical Observatory (Nanking)

Restore its buildings and equipment; train personnel to work in the field of astronomy in cooperation with the universities in Nanking.

4. Institute of Physical Chemistry

Contact catalysis; spectroscopy; electrochemistry; analytical chemistry.

5. Institute of Organic Chemistry

No assignment, due to absence of its director, Chuang Ch'ang-kung (5).

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6. Institute of Aquatic Biology

Investigate aquatic biology as an aid in the development of marine products, and with a view to the establishment of a marine biological laboratory at Tsingtao, and fresh water biological research laboratory at T'ai Hu.

7. Institute of Taxonomy

Study uses of various kinds of plants; the actual utilization of the nation's botanical resources; continue work on the North China Botanical Catalog.

8. Institute of Experimental Biology

Physiology of embryology; physiology of plant life; entomology.

9. Institute of Physiobiochemistry

Physiology of muscles and nerves; antiseptic chemistry.

10. Institute of Geophysics

Meteorology; terrestrial magnetism; seismology; geophysical prospecting.

11. Institute of Geology

Organization not yet determined; the Industrial Experimental Laboratory at Shanghai will study ceramics and metallurgy.

12. Institute of Archeological Research (Peiping)

Collate the results of all kinds of past research; carry on important excavations.

13. Institute of Research in Modern History (Peiping)

Compile modern Chinese history; revise the Abridged General History of China; conduct research into the specific subject of the history of imperialistic aggression in China.

14. Institute of Sociological Research (location not yet determined)

National income; wages; planned economies.

15. Institute of Linguistic Research

Investigate languages of the minority peoples and tribes of China. Study proposals for improvement of the written language of China.

A beginning is to be made in the training of young scientists. During 1950, 100 university graduates are to be engaged as research fellows. This conference is regarded as having paved the way for future scientific research by setting up a skeleton organization and adopting provisional regulations for the employment of research personnel and technicians.

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